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Shopping Trip Bags Couple's Independence Day

Albertsons Cash King Scratchers® Win Means More Time Together

SACRAMENTO – Deborah Trullinger always knew she'd win the Lottery one day. She's known since 2011, when she matched four numbers plus the Mega Ball in Arizona with a 3X Megaplier for a prize of \$30,000 in the multi-state [Mega Millions](#) draw game. Ever since, she's been a regular player.

"I've been telling everybody," said Trullinger, "you just wait, I'm going to win the multi-million dollar jackpot."

One typical shopping day, Deborah was out getting groceries, and, as she usually does, she picked up some [Scratchers®](#) at the Scott Road Albertsons, just off Interstate 215 in Murietta. After a few more errands, she returned home and began scratching her games as her husband watched the news.

"I didn't have my glasses on, so I was scratching, and I thought 'Oh! I won 500 dollars,'" Trullinger said. "Then I said 'honey, I think I won 5,000' and then I go, 'wait a minute.'"

Then she was overwhelmed. She walked over to her husband and stood there in front of him, speechless.

"What?" he asked. "You won \$5,000?"

"No," answered Trullinger. "We won a little more than that."

The Trullingers, who will soon celebrate 45 years of marriage, had just won a \$5 million anniversary prize! She double-checked it on her phone's [California Lottery app](#), and held the result up in front of her husband who had joined her in speechless disbelief.

"We both broke down in tears," said Deborah Trullinger, her voice cracking just a little with the memory. "It was just an unforgettable moment."

With their winnings now in hand, the Trullingers plan to accelerate



their retirement, happy to have been given a few more years of self-directed time together to travel. Hawaii, she says, is first on the list along with a new car, and perhaps a new home.

And what does Mr. Trullinger say?

“My husband said, ‘well, you always told us you were going to be a multi-millionaire,’” shared Deborah.

Turns out, she was right all along, and it came along just at the right time.

The Trullingers were not alone in their *Cash King* Scratchers win. **Todd Tompkins** also scratched the top prize of \$5 million with a Scratchers game picked up from [the Georgetown Gas & Go](#) on the corner of Lower Main and Georgetown Road in Georgetown.

Both stores get a bonus of \$25,000 each for their sale of these top prize-winning games.

Every Play Gives Public Schools an Opportunity

Whether it’s as simple as [middle school sports uniforms](#), or as essential as supporting [workforce training programs education](#), schools choose how to apply the extra funds from the California Lottery to instructional support in public education. Currently celebrating the 40th anniversary, the California Lottery has delivered more than \$46 billion to public schools since 1985.

To find out more about the funds distributed by the California Lottery to public education across the state, visit www.calottery.com/who-benefits. The page features an interactive map showing school funding by district and links to current financial reports.

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The mission of the California Lottery is to raise additional funding for public education, helping to supplement school budgets for K-12 as well as colleges and universities. **The California Lottery has raised more than \$46 billion for public schools** through the responsible sale of its games since 1985. Lottery funding for schools is largely discretionary, so administrators and educators can use Lottery money for instructional programs and services they may not otherwise afford. The California Lottery features eight [draw games](#) and dozens of new instant [Scratchers](#) games each year. More than 95% of California Lottery sales revenue goes back to the community in the form of prize payments, [retailer commissions and bonuses](#), and contributions to education. More information about who benefits can be found [here](#). California Lottery is also committed to promoting [responsible gaming](#). Anyone who shows signs of a gambling problem, or knows someone who does, can get free, confidential help by calling the CA Problem Gambling Hotline at 1-800-GAMBLER.



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